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As of December 31st of last year, our Department of Public Health estimated that just under 60,000 people were living with HIV or AIDS in LA County. Included in this estimate are approximately 5,000 women and girls that are infected with HIV or diagnosed with AIDS. Los Angeles County, similar to the rest of the country, has witnessed this epidemic grow most dramatically among women of color. For example, although African-American women represent less than 10% of the County's female population, they make up 40% of the female population who was diagnosed with HIV in 2010. Despite the growing number of women living with HIV and AIDS, these women still face large gaps in access to care.

In order to recognize the special risks that HIV and AIDS pose for women and girls, and to raise awareness of the disease's increasing impact on them, this year's National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2012. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Service's Office on Women's Health is coordinating the Day and this year's theme is "Every Moment is a Deciding Moment." Deciding moments are defined as everyday opportunities to take action

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against HIV,

whether it is getting tested, talking with friends and family, using condoms, practicing abstinence, or taking medications as directed.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim March 10, 2012 as National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day in Los Angeles County and encourage all County residents to take action in the fight against HIV/AIDS and to raise awareness of its impact on women and girls.

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